



Housing Plan Implementation Committee

Minutes

Date: 11/9/17

Time: 7:00 to 9:00 PM

Location: First Floor Conference Room

Present: Ann Woodward, Kate Casa, Laura Wiener, Julie Wayman, Lourie August

Guests: Jonathan Nyberg

Minutes were approved for 10/5/17 meeting.

Accessory apartments. Committee reviewed a draft zoning bylaw to allow accessory apartments. There was discussion about whether to allow new apartments outside the primary structure. Generally, the Committee wanted it to be less restrictive, to encourage discussion of all the issues. Pam Hallett suggested via an email that we mandate accessory units be affordable to people at 80% of median or below, as defined by HUD. The Committee did not support this idea because they thought it would be very complex, hard to enforce, and would discourage applications. People are likely to want to be able to control who lives in their home. This could be reconsidered after the law is in place and we see what kind of interest there is. Also could potentially be paired with Rehab Program, which would offer an incentive rather than being mandatory. Next step: meet with Redevelopment Board to discuss content and timing, and hear their interest.

Laura reported on a property in Town with a broken elevator. Would the owners possibly be interested in selling? Subcommittee created to explore it—Jonathan, Kate, Ann. Possible joint venture.

Next meeting date set for Monday, December 18, 2017, 7:00PM, followed by ARB meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00.